## **BEFORE THE** MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 3 MBC Case No. 16-2010-207601 n the Matter of the Case Against: Benjamin L. Aaron, M.D. 10333 Vista Del Capitan Lakeside, CA 92040 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C-23473 8 Respondent. 9 10 11 DECISION AND ORDER 12 13 The surrender of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C-23473, by 14 respondent, Benjamin L. Aaron M.D., is accepted by the Medical Board of California, 15 Department of Consumer Affairs. 16 This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the 27th day of 17 July, 2010. 18 19 Ordered: July 27, 2010 20 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 22 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA 23 24 25 26

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issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of

documents, the right to contest any charges and allegations, and other rights which are

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26 27 accorded respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including the right to seek reconsideration, review by the superior court, and appellate review.

- In order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a hearing, respondent 6. freely and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights set forth above. Respondent hereby agrees to surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C-23473.
- 7. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation he is enabling the Board to accept the surrender of his license without further process, as provided by section 11415.60(b) of the Government Code.
- Upon acceptance of the Stipulation by the Board, respondent 8. understands that he will no longer be permitted to practice as a physician and surgeon in California, and also agrees to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board both his license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the Decision.
- 9. Respondent hereby represents that he does not intend to seek relicensure or reinstatement as a Physician and Surgeon. Respondent fully understands and agrees, however, that if respondent ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a Petition for Reinstatement, and the respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed. Case Report No. 16-2010-207601, including all referenced attachments and other exhibits, and any additional attachments, and other exhibits, that may be generated subsequent to the filing of the surrender of license, shall be admissible as direct evidence, and any time based defenses, such as laches or any applicable statute of limitations, shall be waived when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the Petition.
- Respondent understands that this document may be disclosed to the 10. public, and/or the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or the Federation of State Medical Boards.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

I, Benjamin L. Aaron, M.D., have carefully read the above Stipulation and enter into it freely and voluntarily, with the full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C-23473, to the Medical Board of California. By signing this Stipulation for Surrender of License, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of California and I also will cause to be delivered to the Board both my license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the Decision.

DATED: 07-21-10

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Benjamin L. Aaron, M.D.

Respondent

WITNESS RICK BARKER

#### LICENSE NO. C-6847

IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE

THE LICENSE OF

BENJAMIN AARON, M.D.

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

# AGREED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER ORDER

On the 14th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010, came on to be heard before the Texas Medical Board (the "Board"), duly in session, the matter of the license of Benjamin Aaron, M.D. ("Respondent").

By the signature of Respondent on this Order, Respondent waives the right to appear at an Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference pursuant to Section 164.004, Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code, Board Rule 187.18, and all rights pursuant to Sections 2001.051 and 2001.054, Texas Government Code, including but not limited to the right to notice and hearing and instead agrees to the entry of this Order to resolve matters addressed herein. Sandra M. Zimmerman represented Board staff.

With the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

- 1. Respondent received all notice required by law. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied. Respondent waives any defect in notice and any further right to notice or hearing under the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code (the "Act") or the Rules of the Board.
- 2. Respondent currently holds Texas Medical License No. C-6847. Respondent was originally issued this license to practice medicine in Texas on August 16, 1958. Respondent is not licensed to practice in any other state.

- 3. Respondent is primarily engaged in the practice of thorasic surgery, with a secondary specialty of cardiovascular surgery. Respondent is board certified by the American Board of Thorasic Surgery and by the American Board of Surgery, members of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- 4. Respondent has indicated to the Board that he is retired and desires to surrender his medical license in lieu of further proceedings relating continuing medical education requirements.
- 5. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation related to this Agreed Order. Respondent's cooperation, through consent to this Agreed Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 164.002 of the Act, will save money and resources for the State of Texas. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Section 164.061 of the Act and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE 196.1 authorizes the Board to accept the voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas medical license.
- 3. Section 164.051(a)(3) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's violation of a Board rule, specifically Board Rule 166.2(a)(2) related to continuing medical education requirements.
- 4. Section 164.001 of the Act authorizes the Board to impose a range of disciplinary actions against a person for violation of the Act or a Board rule.
- 5. Section 164.002(a) of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve and make a disposition of this matter through an Agreed Order.
- 6. Section 164.002(d) of the Act provides that this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under the Texas Rules of Evidence for purposes of civil litigation.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that:

- 1. The voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas license should be, and is, accepted by the Board effective on the date this Order is signed by the President of the Board.
  - 2. Respondent's Texas Medical License 12-68-47 is, therefore, permanently canceled.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease practice in Texas. Respondent's practice after the date of entry of this Agreed Order shall constitute a violation of this Order, subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action by the Board or prosecution for practicing without a license in Texas.
  - 4. Respondent shall not petition the Board for reinstatement of his Texas license.
- 5. By this voluntary and permanent surrender of Respondent's Texas medical license, Respondent resolves any complaints currently before the Board.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

I, BENJAMIN AARON, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

Benjamin Aaron, M.D.

BENJAMIN AARON, M.D.

Respondent

STATE OF ALIFGRAMA

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SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this i'4 day of APRIL

On this i'4 day of APRIL

Signature of Notary Public

SEE ATTACHED NOTARY CERTIFICATE

Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., D'.O., President

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